

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 26, 1848.

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Mr. BORLAND made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany joint resolution S. No. 29.]

*The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of Asa Whitney, relative to the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, respectfully report:*

That, although they were fully convinced of the incalculable benefits which would result from the construction of such a road, not only to the people of the United States, but of the world, they were unable to agree upon any plan of operations by a bill such as that proposed by Mr. Whitney. The information possessed by the committee was too limited to justify immediate action. They, therefore, have deemed it proper to dispose of the subject by submitting and recommending the adoption of a joint resolution to require the Secretary of War to cause a survey and exploration of routes for a railroad from the Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean.

